GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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EXPORT OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have exported wheat and rice out of their surplus stock during the last year and also in the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the rate at which exported;

(c) whether the exports have helped in the liquidation of surplus stock;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of export orders pending and the time by which they are likely to be executed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): The Government decided to offer 50 lakh MTs of wheat each for the year 2000-2001 and the year 2001-2002 from the Central Pool for export. The export price of wheat (per MT) fixed by the Government of India from time to time is as under:-

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@ Rs.4150/-  from 20.10.2000 to 31.03.2001
@ Rs.4300/-  from 1.4.2001   to 16.08.2001
@ Rs.4200/-  from 17.8.2001  to 30.11.2001
@ Rs.4250/-  from 1.12.2001  to 31.03.2002
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The Government also decided to offer 20 lakh MTs and 30 lakh MTs of rice for the year 2000-2001 and the year 2001-2002 respectively. Rice has been offered for export @ Rs.6750/- per MT in 2000-2001 and @ Rs.5650/- (raw rice) and Rs.6000/- (parboiled rice) per MT in 2001-2002.

Till the 28.02.2002, 50.26 lakh MTs of wheat and 16.46 MTs of rice have been lifted from the Central Pool for exports.

(e): As reported by the PSUs engaged in export of foodgrains, orders for 6.91 lakh MTs of wheat and 0.81 lakh MTs of rice were in hand as on 21.01.2002. After lifting of stocks from the Central Pool, exporters are required to furnish documents in token of actual exports within 90 days in case of rice and 30 days in case of wheat.